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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 10:15 AM
To: _____
Subject: 2019-290-WS

Dear Mr. John Raines ,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Becky Latimer



* Required Fields

Date: * Dec 4, 2019

Letter of Protest
Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Protestant Information:

Name * John Raines

Mailing Address *

City, State Zip * Irmo, SC

Phone *

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I have been a resident at this address since Jan 1995 and a customer of Blue Granite Water or one of its predecessors for this entire time.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am protesting the application of Blue Water Granite (BWG) to increase their rates from \$65.08 to \$101.30 (\$47.10 for sewer collection and \$54.20 for treatment), There is no excuse for this increase. BGW has steadily increased thir price over the last 25 years from less than #30 to the current \$65. Because they can no longer discharge their processed waste into the Saluda River, they now want to increase their rate to over \$100. Thus current rate of \$65 is for collecting and processing sewage. If collecting sewage at \$47 is profitable (see new rate) and were collecting \$65 for both activities, how can the cost of processing sewage cost another \$36 (\$101.3 - \$65) At most the additional cost should be no more than \$18 to \$20 (\$65 - \$47). Either they are trying to rip off theor custmers for the cost of collecting or they are trying to rip off theor customers for processing. To be honest, based on the cost of sewer for the City of Columbia (which is a profitable operation by all reports), collecting and processing sewage

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

No

Signature Required:

John Raines

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